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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MAY 26, 2000

PETITION OF

SHENANDOAH GAS,
A DIVISION OF WASHINGTON
GAS LIGHT COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE000278

For authority to file its
Annual Informational Filing,
using the test year ending
June 30, 2000

ORDER GRANTING PETITION

On May 12, 2000, the Shenandoah Gas Division of Washington Gas Light Company ("Shenandoah" or "the Company"), by counsel, filed a petition with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") seeking authority to file Shenandoah's Annual Informational Filing (11AIF11) based on financial and operating data for the twelve months ending June 30, 2000, rather than for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000. In support of its request, Shenandoah states that it has experienced significant operational changes subsequent to March 31, 1999. For example, effective July 1, 1999, Shenandoah sold all of its assets in West Virginia to Mountaineer Gas Company. Also effective July 1, 1999, Shenandoah maintains that it commenced a firm interstate

transportation service for gas deliveries to West Virginia at rates, and under terms and conditions subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC").

The Company explains in its petition that due to these operational changes, Shenandoah's operations for the test year ending March 31, 2000, will contain three months of retail operations in Virginia and West Virginia (April-June 1999) and nine months of retail operations only in Virginia and firm interstate transportation service subject to regulation by FERC for the period July 1999-March 2000. As a result, preparation of Shenandoah's AIF based on a test year ending March 31, 2000, will require the use of allocation factors different from those that have been used in the past or will be used in the future. The Company contends that preparation of the AIF based on a test year ending June 30, 2000, would provide more-meaningful financial and operational results that more accurately reflect going-level operations and which would be prepared in a manner not only more understandable, but consistent with future filings.

NOW, UPON consideration of the Company's petition, and having been advised by its Staff, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; and that Shenandoah should be permitted to use the twelve months ending June 30, 2000, as the test period for Shenandoah's AIF. By using the twelve months ended June 30, 2000, test period, Shenandoah would have to file its AIF later, i.e., on or around September 29, 2000, to incorporate its financial and operating

results for this later test period. We further find that this docket should remain open to receive Shenandoah's AIF when it is filed.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE000278.

(2) Shenandoah's Petition is hereby granted.

(3) Shenandoah shall file its AIF, using the twelve months ending June 30, 2000, as its test period on or before September 29, 2000.

4) This docket shall remain open to receive the Company's AIF and accompanying documents.